

REMARKS

Claims 1-21 and 23 remain pending in the application including independent claims 1, 7, and 11. Claims 22 and 24 are cancelled by the present amendment.

Claims 7, 9, 20-22, and 24 are indicated as allowable. Claim 7 has been rewritten in independent form to include the features of the base claim and all intervening claims. Claim 22 has been incorporated into claim 1 and claim 24 has been incorporated into claim 11. Thus, claims 1-21 and 23 should now be in condition for allowance.

The claims stand objected to as having an improper form of amending claims. The present amendment is formatted to include all changes in redline and strikeout that were made to the claims as originally filed. Thus, applicant respectfully asserts that the present amendment properly shows all changes that were made to the claims.

Claims 1-6, 8, 10-19 and 23 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Liston (US 5366045) in view of West et al. (US 4518153). This rejection is moot in light of the amendments set forth above.

Applicant respectfully asserts that all claims are now in condition for allowance and requests an indication of such. Applicant believes that no additional fees are necessary, however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1482 in the name of Carlson, Gaskey & Olds for any additional fees or credit the account for any overpayment.

Respectfully submitted,

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